

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2004**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Elmer J. Kuss, Vice President
Anthony J. Lipinski, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci, Jr.
Fran Gillett
Ann E. Klein
Timothy M. Malone
Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony V. Marrocco
Gaspar Salerno
Marvin E. Sauger

Absent:

Peter J. Lund

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn, Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation
Counsel; Tom Bommarito, Hillside Productions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY THOMAS WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF D. 2005 MEETING SCHEDULE UNDER NEW BUSINESS AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights made comments on Freedom Hill being a family County Park and HarleyFest should not be compared to the 4th of July event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY KUSS, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER, 10th AND SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD NOVEMBER 16th AND 24th, 2004 AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORTS

Anthony Casasanta stated our budget is in good shape, we are above the budget amount for revenue on grounds and building rentals. The Park has purchased new equipment, expenses will be reflected in the next budget report. Mr. Casasanta reported on Hillside's utility expenses paid by the County and noted Finance Department's official year-end report will be furnished in early 2005.

Discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY KLEIN WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORT AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced thank you letters sent to the Park regarding the Flu Shot Clinic held in November at Freedom Hill County Park.

A MOTION BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY KUSS WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Events Advertising Sign Policy

Mr. Casasanta reported information concerning advertising signs. Basically, County Park holds a permit only for the electronic sign; technically any other advertising sign requires a permit.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Klein recommended that all festival and event packets furnished sponsors include information on acquiring a permit on advertising signs.

ATM Machine

Tom Bommarito of Hillside Productions reported the ATM machine inside Independence Building is for convenience to the patrons.

Discussion ensued relative to seeking prior approval from the Commission before bringing such items into the building.

Jim Meyerand stated that all revenues generated by Hillside pursuant to the Food and Beverage Agreement is part of the gross revenue for purposes of calculating the license fee.

Mr. Meyerand asked Mr. Bommarito if all costs relating to the ATM machine were borne by others and not the County. Mr. Bommarito responded that the County is not paying any related costs for the ATM machine.

A MOTION BY KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY GILLETT WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ATM MACHINE, AS LONG AS, FUTURE CONTRACTS ON ATM MACHINES ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMISSION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Polish Festival and GTO Car Show

A MOTION BY KUSS, SUPPORTED BY LIPINSKI WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE POLISH FESTIVAL AND THE GTO CAR SHOW AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Agreement for Public Relations – 2005

Mr. Casasanta recommended renewing the contract with Studio Communications for advertising and promotion relations.

Discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY KLEIN WAS MADE TO TABLE THE RENEWAL OF THE 2005 PUBLIC RELATIONS AGREEMENT FOR FURTHER PRESENTATION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY KUSS SUPPORTED BY SALERNO WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Lipinski, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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